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Applicant: Thorsten Bechert et al.  
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BODY FLUID  
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NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.27(g)(2), this is to advise the U.S. Patent Office of the change in small entity status of the above-identified patent application from a "small entity" to a "large entity".

The patent application was correctly filed as a small entity. However, on March 1, 2005, the application was licensed to a company not entitled to small entity status.

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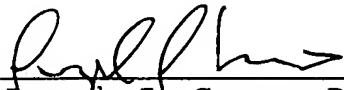
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We do not believe any fees are required in this regard,  
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